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**ARRA Grants
Overview**
February 26, 2010

- Summary of ARRA Grants
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City Projects:

- Fire Department
- Housing & Citizen Services
- Planning Department
- Police Department
- Pueblo Transit
- Wastewater Enterprise

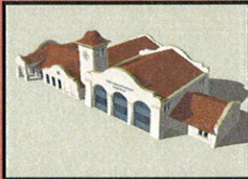
**CITY OF PUEBLO
FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA)
February 26, 2010**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Fire	Construction of Fire Station	2,734,445
Housing	Additional CDBG funding	443,659
	Homeless Prevention	678,970
	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant	1,007,000
Planning	Northern Avenue Trail & Streetscape	165,000
	Eastern Gateway project	381,424
	HARP Veterans Bridge	600,000
Police	Various law enforcement equipment- JAG	365,249
	P.R.I.D.E. CopLink Project	193,968
Pueblo Transit	Buses, Citi-Lift, and support vehicles	2,390,313
Sewer Enterprise	Solar Photovoltaic Array (Loan)	1,600,000
TOTAL:		<u>10,463,028</u>

Fire Department

\$2,734,445

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fire Stimulus Grant



19th largest grant
awarded in the
nation for fire
station stimulus
money

Fire Station #4 to be located in Council
District 4, corner of Lake Avenue and Aqua

Progress / Challenges

- Project had to be shovel ready
- Grant was awarded in October 2009
- City was advised in January 2010 (3 months after the award) that a higher level Environmental Report was required in order to move forward
- This requirement will delay the project a minimum of 6 to 8 months

Housing & Citizen Services

\$5,036,606

- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP)
- CDBG-Recovery Funding
- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Funding

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP)

To date, City has assisted 54 families with rent and utility assistance

Will draw down \$90,000 soon

**CDBG-Recovery
City Hall Accessibility
Improvements Project**

**Awaiting completion of Scope of
Work from architect in order to
complete the Section 106 review**

No funds have been drawn

**Energy Efficiency & Conservation
Block Grant (EECBG)**

Proposed Projects:

- **Photovoltaic System (Main street
Parking Garage and Fleet
Maintenance Building)**
\$546,424

**Main Street Parking Garage
& Fleet Maintenance Building**

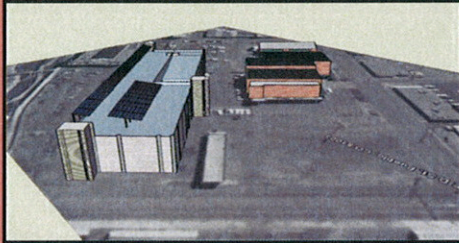
PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM

ARRA funds	\$250,000
Black Hills Rebates	\$300,000
Investor Equity (tax credits, etc)	\$447,020
City of Pueblo	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Total Costs	\$1,017,020

**Project includes installing a
150 kW photovoltaic system
on top of the Main Street
Parking Garage.**

**The system will provide
electricity to both the Parking
Garage and the City Fleet
Maintenance Building**

**Main Street Parking Garage &
Fleet Maintenance Building**



Project Design Concept

EECBG

•**Retrofit Government Buildings -
Green energy projects at
City Hall**

•**Residential Incentive Program -
Rebates, grants, and loans
for energy saving measures**

EECBG

•**Commercial Incentive Program -
Partnership with Governor's
Energy Office for energy
audits for businesses**

•**Walkability Study -
Downtown Pueblo**

EECBG

**Received grant approval in
November 2009**

**Working on Energy Efficiency
Conservation Study – due
March 17**

Planning Department

\$1,146,424

- Eastern Gateway Landscape Project
- Northern Avenue Streetscape and Trail Replacement
- Veterans Pedestrian Bridge



Eastern Gateway Landscape Project is located at the intersection of SH50 Bypass / SH47 / SH96 at the eastern City limit



Area is approximately 10 acres

Scope of work includes the installation of an irrigation system and grading



Project includes western landscape grasses, plants, and trees in the interior four quadrants of CDOT right-of-way

Project Funding

Federal Funds (ARRA) \$381,424

Local Agency Over Match 56,000

TOTAL BUDGET \$437,424



Northern Avenue Streetscape and Trail Replacement Project is located on Northern Avenue between Vinewood Avenue and Hollywood Avenue/Lehigh Avenue.



Scope of work includes 10 and 8 foot concrete trails, handicap crosswalk ramps, trees, western landscaping, and irrigation in the median



Federal Funds (ARRA)	\$165,000
Local Agency (CDOT Enhancement)	272,810
Local Agency Match (HUF, Fund 210)	68,203
TOTAL:	\$506,013

Veterans Pedestrian Bridge at HARP



CDOT – ARRA Funds	\$ 600,000
Financial Assistance Award (DOLA)	200,936
HARP Foundation (Local Donation)	466,727
TOTAL:	\$1,267,663

Police Department

\$562,215

- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
Formula Program: Local Solicitation (shared with County)
- Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Edward Byrne Memorial JAG

(City share - \$368,249)

- In-car video cameras
- Digital x-ray system
- Bomb suit
- Laptop computers
- Hardware for Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) system
- License Plate Reader (LPR) systems
- Camcorders
- Digital voice recorders
- Vehicle trackers systems



Edward Byrne



8 of the 9 City projects are either implemented or in the process of implementation



\$86,465 remains to be spent

Challenges

Edward Byrne

Federal government presented fewer challenges in applying for and managing ARRA grant funds than the State government

- Complete itemization of the 17 equipment projects was required
- Online application through the Grants Management System (GMS)
- Conducting a public meeting to allow community input into the grant projects
- Advertising the application for the grant and the opportunity for community input

Edward Byrne

- Submission of quarterly financial reports (SF425) 30 days following the quarter, rather than the customary 45 days
- Submission of Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) reports 30 days following each quarter
- Submission of quarterly progress reports (Section 1512(c)) within 10 days of the end of the quarter

**Colorado Division of Criminal
Justice JAG**
(\$193,966)

PRIDE PROJECT (CopLink Project)

CopLink is a software system that allows different Records Management systems (RMS) to share data with each other. Approximately 50 law enforcement agencies are members of the CopLink consortium

Challenges

CDCJ JAG

- Each project had to be submitted as an entirely separate application, which complicated the process
- State required City to revise the application to remove a second year of annual maintenance



CDCJ JAG

- Submission of quarterly progress reports (Section 1512(c) within 10 days of the end of the quarter
- State requires the same types of reports as the Federal government, but they must be submitted on an even shorter timeline (15 days vs. 30 days)
- Over \$41 million in requests for state projects were submitted. The most that could be awarded was \$6.5 million. Pueblo is 7th largest city in the State of Colorado, yet received only 3.1% of the total amount available

Pueblo Transit

\$2,390,313

Capital Projects:

- Five (5) transit buses
 - two 35' buses
 - two 40' buses
 - one 35' hybrid bus

\$1,864,543

Capital Projects

- One one (1) transit support vehicle (hybrid) \$25,264
- Electronic fareboxes spare parts \$41,400
- Complete the purchase of one (1) service truck \$21,000

Capital Projects

- Three (3) paratransit (Citi-Lift) vans \$170,683
- Complete the purchase of a Voice Enunciation System for buses (to call out ADA bus stops) \$28,392

Operating Projects:

\$239,031 used to subsidize the overall transit system operations FY 2010

Encumbrances - \$2,361,921
Drawdowns - \$87,664

Benefits

- Catch up with fleet replacement schedule (12 years or 500,000 miles for buses; 4 years or 100,000 miles for vans)
- Minimize overall repair and maintenance expenditures
- New technologies being used (hybrid)
- More accountability in fares collection and passenger count

Challenges

- Reporting requirements
- Frequency of reports (FTA, CDOT)

Wastewater Enterprise

\$1,500,000

ARRA LOAN

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAY
at the
PUEBLO WATER RECLAMATION
FACILITY

\$1.5 million in
ARRA Funding


Zero-interest loan



Should supply
17-25% of
electric demand


First task:
Demolish existing
1930's-era
treatment facility







3 acres to fill
300 kW generation capacity

Estimated completion by August 2010



\$752,627 reimbursed so far (approximately 50 percent)


Reimbursement has been prompt

Challenge:
Rules and procedures are still emerging



Additional Challenges

- An already overcommitted City staff attempting to move projects forward at an accelerated pace
- Some grants piggybacked onto existing grants subjecting the entire project to the more stringent ARRA rules and reporting requirements
- Some of the environmental requirements may not have been clearly understood at time of application

Additional Challenges

- City staff pulled from other projects to focus entirely on ARRA project requirements
- Shovel ready design requirements causing delays

Suggested Process Improvements

- Clearly define all application requirements prior to application deadlines
- Allow more purchase of equipment and goods with grant funds, enhancing job creation and quicker turn-around time
- Streamline reporting requirements and lengthen reporting periods
- Provide trained and knowledgeable staff to answer the help lines to help expedite application process

Impact to City of Pueblo

- Overall POSITIVE impact to the community
- Much needed Fire Station
- Assistance to families who are struggling in today's economy
- Accessibility improvements to public buildings and spaces

Impact to City of Pueblo (Cont'd)

- Energy efficiency far into the future
- Greening of City facilities
- Assistance to families and businesses for energy saving measures
- Aesthetic improvements that will reflect positive image of community

Impact to City of Pueblo (Cont'd)

- Much needed police equipment and software programs
- Much needed Transit vehicles and equipment
- State-of-the-art water reclamation facility
- Future job creation or job sustainability

City of Pueblo

is extremely grateful
for the ARRA grants
that have been awarded

